Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

With their decision to take a partisan stance and require their stations to participate, their obligation to serve the public was thrown in the trash.

I lived in the middle east for over a decade, and was able to 'enjoy' a media that served the ruling party, not the community. It is distressing to find America's standards of journalism/news creeping steadily in the same direction. Sinclair's decision, though, is less of a creeping motion and more of a defiant leap.

It is difficult to watch this happen, with little or no concern expressed by the people who should be protecting these freedoms, namely, the FCC.

I would hope that this blatant example of improper use of the public airwaves would be stopped before it happens. I also hope that this would encourage (i.e. be a kick in the rear!) the FCC to put an end to media consolidation, which makes this abuse possible.

Thank you. Kristin Lindemann